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Two Announce Candidacy for 34th District Court Judgeship

Josephine Chapman



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Josephine A. Chapman, a Belleville attorney, has announced that she will seek election to the 34th District Court bench. She has been a longtime resident of the City of Belleville, and her law office is located on Main Street.

Chapman graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, Michigan, and received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in history and political science. She received her Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

The attorney's areas of practice have been in family, criminal, probate, landlord-tenant, and real-estate law.

Chapman says that she was encouraged to run for the office of 34th District Court Judge by members of the legal community and her clients.

There are a number of changes that she would like to see at the 34th District Court.

"I would especially like to bring crime-prevention and education programs to the Court," says Chapman, who also states that she would like to see night-

court instituted so that working citizens who come before the court would not lose time off work. In addition, Chapman would like to see the 34th District Court hire a full-time substance-abuse counselor. She also believes that the Court should sponsor a spouse-abuse counseling program in order to get to the root causes of this problem.

Chapman believes that the Court should open its doors to the average citizen and provide programs for youth and seniors alike.

"For instance," she says, "a Law Day program – which would involve holding court at various high schools in the five communities that comprise the 34th District – would bring the Court closer to the community."

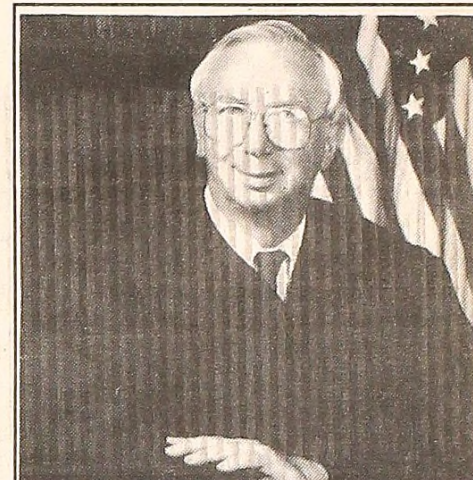
Chapman feels that there are many problems at the 34th District Court, and cites the recent missing-funds scandal and the resulting long-term investigation as an example. She says that the wisdom and judgment of prematurely paying off then-Court Administrator Nancy Schuette, who allegedly absconded with part of the missing \$270,000, has not been fully explained.

"And why," she asks, "was then-Assistant Court Administrator Tamara Riopelle – the individual who 'blew the whistle' which started the investigation – phased out of a job?"

"Before the Court can regain a semblance of respect, these questions must be answered."

Chapman is a member State Bar of Michigan, the Women Lawyers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Area Music Committee, the Council for the Arts, the Central Business Community, the Belleville-Van Buren Democratic Club, and the Democratic Party of Michigan. □

Felix Rogalle



Judge Felix Rogalle

Chief Judge Felix F. Rogalle has announced that he is seeking reelection to the 34th District Court, which is located in Romulus. The District serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

Rogalle was elected to the 34th District Court bench in 1990, and was sworn in on January 1, 1991. In November of 1993, Rogalle was elected Chief Judge of the 34th District Court. The selection was made on the basis of administrative experience and ability, says Rogalle.

Rogalle has been active in authoring, implementing, and participating in alternative-sentencing procedures and social-awareness programs. With the help of the Probation Department, he has created and monitored a Work Program as an alternate sentencing procedure.

"Instead of incarceration," explains Rogalle, "misdemeanants do community work directed by trained personnel. The Work Program as an alternative to incarceration has saved the communities thousands of dollars over the course of the last three years."

In connection with the Romulus Adult Education Department, Rogalle has implemented a self-awareness-34th District Court Education program, whereby misdemeanants are required, as an alternative to sentencing, to attend classes at the Romulus Adult Education Program, where they secure their GEDs and receive practical advice on securing jobs.

Another program involves the establishment of victim panels to discuss the pain that the drinking driver has caused them. It is hoped that those attending will alter their standard of conduct.

Further, an ad hoc taskforce for domestic violence has been formed in the hopes of stemming the tide of continual domestic violence.

Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally has heartily endorsed Rogalle in his bid for reelection.

"Judge Rogalle has been a refreshing influence at the 34th District Court," she stated. "He has implemented cooperation between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. He is eager to listen to concerns of the community and implement those concerns within the perimeters of judicial propriety."

Commenting on the recent embezzlement investigation: "Judge Rogalle identified the embezzlement, secured the initial evidence, and reported it to the Supreme Court Administrative Office. His interest in the community and cooperation with the other branches of government is unprecedented."

Senator William Faust also supports Rogalle: "You certainly have my support in your candidacy for reelection to the 34th District Court," Faust told Rogalle. "Personal contacts in that area all inform me of the fine job you are doing and of your efforts to reform the Court's administration. I wish you well."

Chief Judge Rogalle brings with him 30 years of extensive experience, both as a trial lawyer and as a judge. Rogalle is a graduate of Belleville High School, Michigan State University, and the Detroit College of Law. He is also a veteran. Rogalle is licensed to practice law before all courts in Michigan as well as the US Supreme Court.

Rogalle believes that fairness to all is important, as is treating citizens in the community and visitors who appear before the Court with courtesy, decency, respect, and dignity.

"It is important who occupies the seat at the 34th District," he states. "The judicial seat is vital, and the person who fills it must be selected carefully."

Rogalle also feels that the person who is selected for the judgeship should respect and understand the community in order to be fair in resolving disputes before the Court.

"The rights of the victim," he says, "are as important as the rights of the criminal defendant."

Rogalle's community involvement includes: membership in the American Judges Association, the District Court Judges Association, the Southeastern Michigan District Judges Association, the Wayne County District Judges Association, and the Romulus, Huron, and Belleville chambers of commerce; membership in Belleville's St. Anthony Church; service as Chairman of the Charter Commission for the City of Romulus (1968-69); and service as former Special Counsel for State Bar of Michigan Grievance Panel. □



Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce officers Jason Lovette (left) and Mark Lewkowicz (right) join Florence Klein as she proudly displays the plaque she received at the Fourteenth Annual Person of the Year Awards Banquet, which was held March 25, 1994. Klein was chosen for the honor primarily because of her service to the community as founder and director of the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus.

The Lighter Slice

To Dream the Impossible Dream



By Tom Shamanski

It seems that City Hall has had a lot to say recently about its dream for City revitalization. This, I believe, is admirable. Part of this dream involves Romulus becoming the home of the Detroit Tigers, one or more gambling establishments, and a super-large, high-tech complex which will boast a new convention center, a gigantic basketball arena, retail shops galore, and more.

Well, I, too, have a dream. In my dream, though, I'm wondering why we should limit ourselves to all these wonderful things presently in the works. Why not – as the group RECAP has done – shoot for something virtually impossible, to coin a quarter-million-dollar phrase.

As I see it, Romulus is blessed with three out of the four main transportation systems for moving people, goods, and even – at times – services.

First of all, we're lucky enough to have the Airport. Granted, there is a tiny, bothersome problem with noise – but, I imagine, that does keep property values low so the hearing-impaired may easily purchase a home here.

Secondly, our city is one large and, yes, beneficial grid-lock when it comes to railroad tracks. Okay, okay, so the trains are a bit noisy, too. But the major complaints seem to come from people concerned about Romulus Tower residents – and, hey, let's face it, those who live

there are mostly old people and, as everyone knows, can't hear very well, anyway.

Last of all is the I-94 expressway. Now, some folks may be offended by constant traffic sounds and the pollution scattered behind by passing vehicles, but who can deny that the expressway is a most convenient way to transport hungry businessmen from the Airport (and other areas) to either the Playhouse or the Landing Strip – which, by the way, is currently offering a potato (optional) and a piece of meat for \$8.95. Fortunately for us, these business guys have to eat, too, and the more they venture into our fair city, the more our economy benefits by what they pump in the community.

Anyway, back to my dream. To show you that I'm not just any old chimp flapping his lips, I hereby *officially* propose that a canal – beginning at the Detroit River – be built in the median of the expressway. Further, I propose that the canal should empty into a man-made lake located within City limits, and that said lake should be named after me.

So, why a canal? Well, first off, it's the only transportation method that we don't have, and having it will, no doubt, further improve our image. Secondly, the City's economy will be enhanced by money spent by pleasure-boaters and also by those training to swim across the English Channel. As an added bonus, if any disagreements occur between City and/or School District administrators, and one tells another to "go jump in the lake," said jumping could then be accomplished within the community.

That's my dream; what do you think?

On a personal note, I would like to tell you that, by the time you read this, I will be living some 200 miles north of Romulus, farming and trying to write a book. If I like it, I'll stay there. If not, I may be back – if I'm not turned away at the City limits because of this story!

Continuing in a personal vein, I wish to thank my former landlady (you know who you are!) for all her kindness, and to remind her that I never forgot to put the seat down. □

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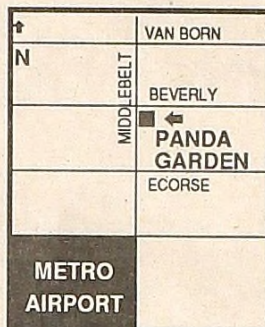


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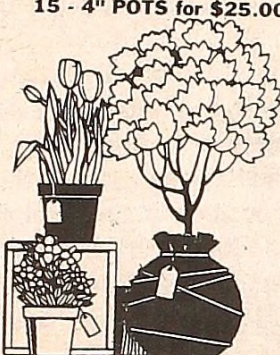
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Legislative Update

For the Week of April 25, 1994

By State Representative Greg Pitoniak "Union Busting" Bill Approved by Senate

An anti-union measure, abruptly discharged from committee, gained final passage in the Senate and is now on its way to the Governor. The controversial bill, which narrowly passed the House during a late-night session, will turn back the clock 60 years and penalize the hard-working men and of this state. The legislation weakens the collective-bargaining power of school employees by giving school boards *carte blanche* authority over staffing and prohibits collective bargaining on issues such as group insurance benefits, the school calendar year, and the organization and operation of charter schools. The bill also allows school boards to contract out noninstructional services. (HB 5128)

Real-estate Transfer Bill Reported

The House Taxation Committee has reported a bill that would reduce the real-estate transfer tax two months earlier than expected. Under the bill, the .75% transfer tax effective date would be moved up from the spring of 1995 to January 1, 1995. (HB 5341)

Measure Gives Big Business Greater Political Influence

Using their temporary majority in the House, Republican lawmakers rammed through their party's version of campaign finance reform, which would make it easier for more corporate dollars to filter into the electoral process. The GOP voted against Democrat-sponsored amendments that would have made substantial changes in the process used to regulate and finance political campaigns. This action sends a strong message that Republicans are more interested in enhancing their contributions from wealthy special-interest groups than enacting meaningful reforms. (HB 5416)

Controversial Bingo Bill Punishes Small Contributors

A controversial proposal that would obstruct the progress being made to reform Michigan's campaign finance laws squeaked through the House by a 55-52 vote. The measure would drastically reduce the ability of candidates and political organizations to use bingo games to raise campaign funds, giving big business and special-interest groups greater influence over elections. The bill would also affect independent political groups that use raffles, "millionaire parties," and "Las Vegas nights," for fund-raising. This is the third piece of legislation to be hastily approved without legislative deliberation or public input. (SB 3)

Hearings Scheduled on "Michicare"

The first in a series of seven public hearings on the "Michicare" health-reform proposal was held in Oak Park on April 29. Michicare is modeled after the single-payer system that provides universal health care for all Michigan resi-



Representative Gregory Pitoniak

dents through a comprehensive basic health-care package, cost-containment measures, and free choice among health-care providers. Hearings will also be conducted in the cities of Flint, Kalamazoo, Westland, Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Lansing. (HB 4740)

Employment Grants Investigated

A House Appropriations subcommittee is investigating reports of possible misuse of State funds being allocated by the Governor's Job Commission for worker training. A hearing was conducted by the K-12 Subcommittee to find out why \$40 million in grants intended to help workers obtain training and education have been awarded to businesses for such things as stress management, foreign travel, and public speaking. The hearing was conducted on April 25.

Violence Task Force Conducts a "Clean Sweep" of Violent Toys

Michigan youngsters received a special gift when they turned in their violence-oriented games or toys to a collection center on Wednesday, April 27. The "Treats for Toys" trade-in was held on the east lawn of the State Capitol Building in Lansing. The House Democratic Task Force on Violence, sponsors of Treats for Toys, offered treats in exchange for toy guns, knives, bow-and-arrow sets, and certain video games. Task-force members have conducted a series of public hearings to raise awareness of the impact that violence-related toys and games have on impressionable children.

Snowmobile Safety Laws Enacted

A pair of snowmobile safety laws will promote greater safety, create a better system of recreational trails, and help to ensure that Michigan remains America's "Winter Wonderland." Among the new provisions are stiff penalties for violations involving injuries, repeat offenses, and failure to take a test for alcohol use. (HB 4445 & SB 938) □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity. The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

"Breakfast Club"

Thanked for Donations

To the Editor:

During the recent California Achievement Tests given at Barth Elementary, a note was sent home to the students' parents, requesting that they insure that their child got a good night's sleep and a good breakfast on the morning of the test. I happened to be present when my son's first-grade teacher questioned the class on the morning of the test as to whether or not they had all eaten breakfast. To my surprise, three children raised their hands to admit that they had not eaten breakfast. After speaking with several instructors and the principal of Barth School, I discovered that this was a very common experience. Some of the instructors were even furnishing, from their own pocket, occasional sustenance in cases where the child was unable to cope with the hunger pangs. Some children sit in school until noon before they eat, having not eaten since dinner the day before.

It's understandable that, occasionally, children will miss a breakfast because they were late getting up that morning or simply have a lack of routine at home. It's understandable that, when both parents work, a child may have to fend for itself or be the responsibility of an older sibling. Not every family has been educated in proper nutrition, and the role that this plays in the body's and mind's ability to function properly. Regardless of the reason, there is no excuse for hunger in one of the finest grade-schools in the Country.

Apparently, a State-mandated program which goes into effect next year will provide a breakfast program for all Romulus grade-schools. But that didn't solve the problem for the last 35 days of this school year.

This letter is written in appreciation and thanks for the compassion that was shown when this story was told to some of the men and women of Romulus. Without hesitation, all who were asked gave from their hearts a generous donation to help fund a breakfast program to make sure that no child at Barth Elementary, from kindergarten to third grade, would have to spend one more morning too hungry to think about anything else. A special thank-you goes to our local IGA for providing a plain cake donut and a 100%-juice drink-box for each child for the best price available in the Tri-County area. A special thank-you, too, to Tom Nappo, owner of the Landing Strip, for a donation far beyond the call of duty.

The following is a list, in no special order, of the contributors we like to refer

to as "The Breakfast Club": Romulus Hardware (Tony Kopas), Sister Act (Toby Parker), Captain Nemo's (John Brimble), Birclar Electric (Jim Clark), Romulus Auto Parts (Ron Brugger), Romulus Tanning Salon (Lindsay Brugger), Romulus City Treasurer James Napiorkowski, the Kiwanis, the Landing Strip (Tom Nappo), Dave's Barber Shop (Dave Rakotz), and Crane Funeral Home (Bill Crane).

Thanks to immediate approval by the Romulus Board of Education, we are serving 40 to 100 kids every morning, and will continue to do so until the end of the school year. We have raised over \$1,000, but, because of the success of the program, more funds will be needed. (Also deserving of special mention are Marilyn Nelson and Karen "Susie" Plank for their time and help in serving the little angels of Romulus.)

The thanks from the kids, the smiles on their faces, are overwhelming. Even the instructors say that a difference has been seen in some of the kids.

Dave Nelson

Reader Responds to Witzgall Notice

Dear Ms. Atkins:

Responding to Dolores Witzgall's article (published in the April 21, 1994 edition of *The Romulus News*), I guess I would be very impressed by its content if I felt that Dolores were proficient in statistics. When she states that she had "tremendous response" and gives a figure of 420 cards returned, my question is: How many did she send out? What part of the populace did she poll? Why did she exclude unsigned cards? Did the unsigned cards have messages such as "No"? Did she consider that "no response" could conceivably mean "No" to her poll?

She further states that, with 420 cards in hand, she saw fit to write the Detroit Police and Firemen's Pension Fund (financial backers of Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., or EDS), representing herself as a spokesperson for all citizens of Romulus and advising them that she and the citizens of Romulus were in favor of this well. Did the response card, which she proudly refers to, contain language indicating that, by signing the response card, you were agreeing to accept the toxic and hazardous waste wells (and I hear that there could be six to eight wells by completion) in Romulus? Or, by signing and returning the card, were they indicating that they didn't want to spend tax dollars to fight this well? Did Dolores run a scare tactic on the citizens? Did Dolores lead you to believe that the City has spent far more on this well project to keep this potential hazard out of Romulus than it spends in litigation every year? I think so. Nearly every city in the United States spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on litigation every year. It is nothing new. For once, however, the money spent is for something that will benefit us, the tax-

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Romulus

We at Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) would like to take this opportunity to discuss a number of mis-statements which have recently been made concerning our Deepwell Facility.

EDS hosted an informational dinner on July 13, 1993, in Romulus for members of the Romulus City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Head of the Building Department, and other members of the administration. At that meeting, EDS personnel spent several hours informing the attendees of the details of the proposed Deepwell Facility including the anticipated construction commencement date of July 20, 1993, and answered all of the questions which were asked of them. In addition, company policy and information literature was distributed which stated, in part, the following:

"EDS' primary market will be manufacturers located in Southeastern Michigan." "EDS plans to dispose of light liquids only, most of which are comprised of approximately 95% water. These liquids, for the most part, have already been recycled and have no energy value."

Today, our position on these points remains unchanged. However, recent mis-statements to the effect that Canadian waste will definitely be a big part of the volume disposed in the well and that contaminated oils, which are presently used as fuel in cement plants, would be transported to our Deepwell Facility are simply not true.

Again, we hereby wish to state for the record:

- Southeastern Michigan is the primary market for the Deepwell Facility and full disposal capacity will be allocated *first* to this market. Excess capacity, *if any*, will be allocated to other qualified and legally permitted parties including Geological Disposal Systems, Inc. (GDS), our Canadian partner, and others. GDS is hopeful it will be able to provide a small percentage of Waste to be disposed of. According to GDS, "We have recognized all along that the primary market for the Romulus Facility is southeastern Michigan and that disposal capacity will then be allocated to GDS and others." To put this in perspective, the CWM Deepwell Facility in Vickery, Ohio, less than an hour from Detroit and which the EDS project is often compared to by its critics, received less than one percent of its 1992 volume from Canada.
- Liquid wastes with high BTU contents, such as contaminated oils, are not suitable for deepwell injection. Liquid wastes which are suitable for deepwell injection are diluted wastes comprised of approximately 90-95% water.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), over 9,000 individual generators produced over 100,000 shipments of hazardous waste in 1992. The total quantities resulting from these shipments included approximately 76,143,333 gallons of liquid and 179,575 tons of solid hazardous waste. The seven-county area comprising Southeastern Michigan accounted for over two-thirds of the liquid hazardous waste shipped that year. In Romulus alone, 87 companies shipped over 25 million pounds of waste in 1992. This data clearly demonstrates the abundant need for environmentally safe and cost effective disposal of liquid industrial and hazardous waste in this market area. Class 1 Deepwells have been determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to be "safer than virtually all other waste disposal practices."

EDS believes the residents of Romulus deserve to know the facts about our project and the technology involved. We hope this information is a benefit to you and ask that you call us with your questions or comments (955-2100). We expect to be operating in Romulus for years to come as a good corporate citizen and neighbor.

The Employees of EDS

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Romulus Profile: Evelyn Atkins



By Tom Shamanski

(Editor's note: This updated profile was first published on November 18, 1992. It is reprinted here at the request of several readers, and marks the end of Tom Shamanski's "Profile" column, since Tom has moved out of town and will be spending most of his writing time working on his first novel. We look forward to continuing to publish his "Lighter Slice" column, and wish him the very best of luck.)

Most of the people in Romulus know Evelyn Atkins as the editor and publisher of "the little paper" — *The Romulus News*. What most of them are probably unaware of is the fact that, from 1950 to 1985, the 53-year-old Atkins earned her living by singing and playing country music.

When asked which field — publishing or country music — she most enjoyed, the 21-year Romulus resident said, "It's hard to say because what has made both professions special to me is the people with whom I work. Overall, though, I'd have to say that country music is my first love."

Atkins met the man who was to share both of her career passions — her third husband, Dave Atkins — in 1977, when he called and invited her to sing with him on his upcoming recording session. At that time, Dave, a local country-music

artist, had just begun publishing a newspaper called *Country in the City News*. Dave and Evelyn married in 1980 and, as they became more deeply involved in the many facets of the publishing industry, the two quit the entertainment business in 1985 and opened Nite-Lite Graphics, a Romulus print and graphics firm.

In July 1987, Dave put out the first issue of *The Romulus News*.

"Dave got itchy feet," smiled Atkins, "and decided to start a local newspaper. He wanted to give the people of Romulus more coverage of the strictly local news that larger papers wouldn't print because they didn't have the time or the space."

The newspaper was well received by the community from the very start, and Dave — whose folksy approach to "tell-it-like-it-is" reporting often made him a figure of controversy — remained the driving force behind "the little paper" until he died in July 1991.

After Dave's death — the result of a massive heart attack — Atkins had to choose between carrying on with the then-four-year-old newspaper, or leaving the publishing business and finding another means to earn her livelihood. Characteristically, she chose to carry on.

"With the help of a lot of friends," Atkins said, "my daughter Kristi and I have been able to continue putting out *The Romulus News*."

She added that, although Dave has been gone for almost three years now, she feels that these days are still a transition period for her.

"Kristi has always been an excellent typesetter and editorial coordinator," she explained, "but it's been difficult for me because I had no previous experience as a reporter, photographer, or salesman. I've had to assume many additional responsibilities in the past three years, and, although I've already learned a lot, I've still got a long way to go."

In fact, it's because Atkins must wear so many hats in her small organization that she has had to rely on others in the community to submit many of the stories for the *News*. Thankfully, Romulus residents have been extremely willing to contribute articles about their local activities and thereby take advantage of the Paper's "hometown news" format.

Since taking over *The Romulus News*, Atkins has skillfully guided the Paper to function as more of a "community information resource," with less emphasis on "hard" City news. I asked her to comment.

"Because Romulus is part of a large metropolitan area, typical 'news' items receive plenty of media coverage from local TV stations and the area's several major newspapers. I feel that, by featuring news about the achievements of and the events concerning everyday Romulus people, 'the little paper' offers a rather unique public service."

In 1950, at the tender age of nine, Evelyn embarked on her country-music career. She, like the other children who lived in her Versailles, Kentucky neighborhood, started her day in school; at lunchtime, however, she would grab a quick, on-the-go meal on her way to the local radio station to perform a live show with a band led by her father, Casey Clark. She returned to school when the show was over.

Two years later, Clark moved his musical operations to the Detroit area. Soon, Evelyn was again performing with her father's band on live radio and, subsequently, on live television.

"We played at a barn dance every Saturday night at the UAW Hall on Mack Avenue," Atkins explained, "and the show was carried live by one of Detroit's major radio stations, WJR. We also did a live broadcast on WJR radio every weekday morning."

It was after he heard the Band's WJR radio program that a local sponsor approached them to do a weekly appearance on TV Channel 9, Windsor's primary television station. After a five-year stint with Channel 9, the Group moved to a Detroit television station, WXYZ—Channel 7, for a six-month run.

In 1959, Clark moved his family and the Band to radio station WNAX in

Yankton, South Dakota.

"I was 17 years old when we moved to Yankton," Atkins stated. "On WNAX, we did morning, noon, and evening shows. The morning and evening shows were taped, but the noon shows were live. Since I was still in school, we worked out a system where, at lunchtime, there was a cab waiting for me at the school to take me to the studio. After the show, the taxi would bring me back to school so that I could finish my classes."

"It was also in Yankton," she continued, "that I met Michael Stephens, whom I later married. Mike and I had two daughters before we separated."

When Atkins was 20 years old, the family group moved back to Detroit — this time, to stay. It was after this move that, one by one, three other family members joined the Band — making it, at one point, an exclusive family venture.

"First," said Atkins, "my brother Billy joined us. He was a vocalist and steel-guitar player, and was really a very fine musician. Then, in 1966, the man who was to become my second husband (in 1969), Mickey Kreutzer, came to us. Finally, my other brother, Mike, joined with us in 1969."

"It was a wonderful time in my life," she recalled.

However, from 1971 to 1978, the closely knit family suffered through three major tragedies: the first, the death of her brother Mike in 1971; the second, the death of her husband Mickey, 33, in 1973; and finally, her brother Billy's death in 1978.

Said Atkins, "After the deaths of my husband and brothers, I kept performing — although, for a time, my heart wasn't really in it. When Dave and I finally stopped playing in 1985, I was definitely ready to quit."

And so a 35-year career of many highlights — including opening shows for (and sometimes playing with) such country-music greats as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Roy Orbison, Ernest Tubb, Roy Acuff, Carl Perkins, Buddy Emmons, the Osborne Brothers, the Everly Brothers, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, Bill Monroe, Grandpa Jones, and Minnie Pearl (just to name a few) — came to an end.

When asked what part of her career she had found most rewarding, Atkins said, "At two different times — once in 1975 and once in 1976 — my brother Billy and I did USO tours with my father's band. In 1975, we played for American troops in Panama, Puerto Rico, and Cuba, as well as on many other West Indies islands like Barbados and Nassau. In 1976, we performed in South Korea, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, and several other islands in the South Pacific."

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By Dr. John R. Compton, optometrist,
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Glaucoma, unlike some other diseases, is very treatable – but it can't be treated if we don't know that it's there. Have your pressures checked regularly. **So, who is at risk of developing glaucoma?**

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By Dorothy West, Race director

The traditional Romulus 10K Run – which, for 12 years, had been one of the major highlights of the City of Romulus' celebration of Michigan Week – is coming back. This year's run will have something for all levels of runners, wheelers, and walkers; however, for the first time in its history, proceeds will directly benefit the Downriver Chapter of the Michigan Lupus Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those afflicted with lupus, a disorder of the immune system.

The Romulus Michigan Week Run for Lupus will be a combination of a 10K race for runners and wheelers, a 5K walk, and a one-mile "fun run." All events will commence on separate courses in the heart of the downtown central business district on Saturday, May 21, 1994. Since Romulus is "The Gateway to the World," the event has been known to

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With the support of Frito-Lay, Pepsico, All Sports, the Michigan Week Festival Committee, General Motors, Total Petroleum, the City of Romulus, McDonald's, and many more sponsors, the Romulus Run promises to be the best ever. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in all events, and all participants will be eligible for prizes to be awarded in a raffle drawing of items donated by the various sponsors. The cost of the entry fee also includes a T-shirt and post-race refreshments.

Entry forms may be obtained from the Romulus Recreation Department or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Romulus' Michigan Week Run for Lupus, P.O. Box 74313, Romulus, MI 48174. Preregistration deadline is May 14. For information, call Dorothy West, Race director, on the Ann Arbor Track Club hotline: (313) 663-9740. □

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STUDY SESSION, MARCH 22, 1994

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held Tuesday, March 22, 1994, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Board Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell and Mr. Joel R. Carr were present. Dr. Terrell M. LeCesne was absent (excused). Dr. LeCesne arrived at 8:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Howard J. Kesner.

Approval of Agenda:

3/94/11 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report of the Superintendent:

Declaration of Surplus Vehicle

3/94/12 Moved by Patterson supported by King that the Board of Education declare Vehicle #118 surplus and that the Transportation Department be authorized to offer it for sale. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Possible Cancellation of March 28, 1994

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed with the Board of Education the possibility of cancelling the meeting of March 28, 1994, as he would not be in attendance. It was the Board's decision to convene the meeting as scheduled.

Executive Session - Negotiations

3/94/13 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing future negotiations and budget considerations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:36 P.M.; recessed at 8:43 P.M.; and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:55 P.M.

Possible Budget Reductions

The Board of Education discussed proposed budget cuts as presented to them by Administration. There was no action taken at this meeting.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Mary M. King presented an overview of the Wayne County Association of School Board's Conference, which she and Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn attended.

Communications from the Public

Mr. Richard Kruse stated that all four Romulus Community School bands received "1's" at the recent band festival for the first time since 1981.

Adjournment:

3/94/14 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra F. Langley, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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payers and citizens of this community.

Dolores closes her article with a P.S. and indicates that she has paid for her own article, and that *is* commendable. However, you will note in her article that she makes reference to two telephone surveys that were conducted by EDS and paid for by EDS. I might add that these surveys were worded to scare people about their tax dollars being spent on fighting the company who paid for the survey. Interesting, don't you think?

Lois R. Jones

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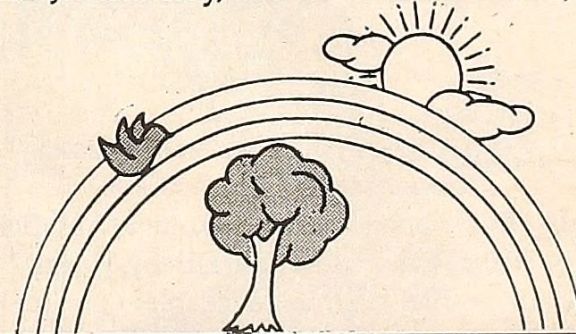
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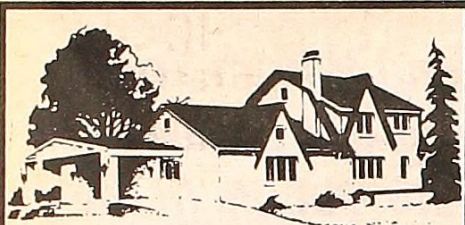
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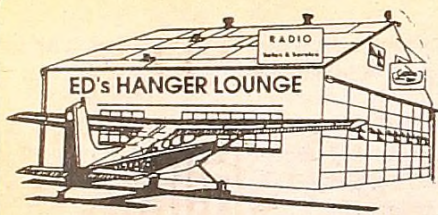
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- **Garage/Rummage Sale & Lunch** – An enormous garage/rummage sale and lunch will be held at the Kentuckians of Michigan Liberty Park (on Bredow Road between Middlebelt and Inkster, a half mile south of Sibley, in Huron Township) on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Sunday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rental space for the indoor/outdoor event is still available; call 782-0132 for more information.
- **Preschool Programs Seek Entrants** – The Romulus Head Start and Michigan Department of Education preschool programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for September 1994. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and handicapped children. For more information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Tomfoolery Follies** – The Huron Civic Theatre's Youth Theatre Workshop students (ages six to 15) will take to the stage on Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, for two matinee performances of *Tomfoolery Follies*, an original work created by Workshop director Belinda Sidebottom. Tickets for the 3 p.m. performances are \$3; children age five and under get in free. For more information, call 782-5380.
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- **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** – The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You can make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Jennifer Cecelon at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7589.

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ROMULUS PROFILE: EVELYN ATKINS

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"I can't begin to tell you what an overwhelming experience these tours were," she continued. "I learned so much about other cultures, other forms of government . . . other people. And what I learned allowed me to come back home and see my own life and my own country from a fresh, more appreciative point of view.

"Of course, the most fulfilling part of the tours was the opportunity to entertain American servicemen and -women. It was a great privilege to be able to serve those who serve us."

About 18 months ago, Atkins began a new project: the rebirth of *Country in the City News (CCN)*, which her husband Dave published for eight years. After a seven-year hiatus, Atkins has resumed publication of the monthly newspaper, which is devoted to Local, Regional, and National country-music news.

"Bringing back CCN is a very exciting project," Atkins said. "Right now, we're working on our biggest issue ever – a souvenir edition devoted to the annual Downtown Hoedown, held each May in Detroit's Hart Plaza. CCN has been extremely well received – readers are just grabbing it up!

"Eventually," she added, "I would like to see CCN become the country-music publication in all of Michigan."

Atkins, a Romulus High School graduate, was married to her husband Dave for 12 years before his untimely death.

Her father, Casey Clark, continues – at the age of 75 – to both lead his own band and promote other country-music artists. Mary Clark, Atkins' mother, is 73 years old; she writes the regular "Sassy Seniors" column for *The Romulus News*

and currently resides at Romulus Tower apartments.

Atkins' only sister, Carol, has earned the rank of lieutenant with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Atkins has four adult children, all living in Romulus. An indispensable part of *The Romulus News*, 34-year-old Kristi was co-valedictorian of Romulus High School's Class of 1978 and attended Michigan State University.

Jalaina, 27, is a licensed cosmetologist currently working in Riverview. She has a two-year-old daughter, Danielle.

Mickey II, a 24-year-old artist and musician, and his wife Ann have two children: Mickey III, age four, and Briana, age two.

Lisa, the baby at 23, is a certified word-processor who currently works as a homemaker. Her four children are Christopher, who is seven years old; Ronald, age six; Amanda, four; and Samantha, two.

When not rushing to meet continually recurring newspaper deadlines, Evelyn likes to read and study the Bible and other books about religion. She particularly enjoys sipping a cup of coffee as she gazes at a crackling blaze in her family-room fireplace.

Naturally, having written for Evelyn for some time now, I certainly didn't need an interview to know what kind of a person she truly is.

To me, Evelyn is more than an editor; she is a good friend – and I don't use that word lightly. Evelyn, with her warm personality and genuine concern for others, is the type of friend with whom I can comfortably share my thoughts and feelings. In this, I feel, I'm very lucky.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 28, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, March 28, 1994, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Mr. Edward L. Wilkerson absent (excused) and Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn absent (excused). Mr. Berlinn arrived at 7:36 P.M. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused). Administrators Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne and Mr. Joel R. Carr were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Howard J. Kesner.

Approval of Agenda:

3/94/14 Moved by King supported by Hoffman to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

3/94/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to approve the Minutes of March 14, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mrs. Judy Gondek questioned payment of the E.M.G. invoice as it appeared on the Bills for Payment schedule. Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, responded to her questions.

Mrs. Debbie Elam, parent of Barth Elementary School, and Mrs. Teri Tuscynski presented material to the Board of Education pertaining to ADD and ADHD children.

Mrs. Joann Bjork questioned the Board of Education as to our borrowing \$9 million and still laying off seventeen (17) teachers. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, responded that this is a cash-flow borrowing because of the timing of state revenue. We don't receive substantial state revenue until late in October.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

3/94/17 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to accept the recommendation of Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, and approve the retirement of William Eastman, Custodian, Romulus Middle School, effective April 1, 1994. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

3/94/17 Moved by Patterson supported by King to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City Millage – June Election

3/94/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, that the Board of Education acknowledge the City placing Proposal "A" on the June 13, 1994 School Election ballot and that they share equally in the cost of the election. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

WCRESA Special Education Chargeback

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, discussed the 1992–1993 chargeback to the County with the Board of Education. The total chargeback for the 1992–1993 school year is estimated at \$244,529. Discussion followed, but no official action was taken until firm data has been received.

WCASB Reception

The Legislative Reception for Wayne County Association of School Boards, to be held on Thursday, May 5, 1994, was discussed and the Board has been encouraged to attend.

Halecreek Safety Patrol Field Trip

3/94/19 Moved by Hoffman supported by King to authorize Halecreek's Safety Patrol to go on a field trip to Cedar Point on Friday, June 10, 1994. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Field Trip – N.J.R.O.T.C.

3/94/20 Moved by Hoffman supported by King to authorize N.J.R.O.T.C. Cadets to visit the Naval Base in Charleston, S.C., from May 2 to May 5, 1994. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following items of interest were presented to the Board of Education for their perusal: Band Record Medals; City Cable Memo; Kathy Hurst Grant; Helen Perkowski "Thank You", and Van Buren Letter – McPharlin.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Mary M. King gave the Board of Education a summary of the WCASB Meeting, March 24th, and the "Person of the Year" Dinner for Mrs. Florence Klein. She also reminded the Board of upcoming events: Legislative Dinner, May 5th, and Project Serve – Big Brother/Big Sister tour and lunch at the elementary schools on March 29, 1994.

Executive Session – Litigation

3/94/21 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing T.I.F.A. Litigation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:57 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:35 P.M.

Adjournment:

3/94/22 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 36572 Goddard / 941-4014 / Rev. James R. O'Guin, Pastor / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Service - 7 p.m. / Thursday Youth Night - 7 p.m.

BALL ROAD TABERNACLE - 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of some months - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH - 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH - 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH - 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service - 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation - Call 729-6440

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST - 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

CHURCH OF GOD-ROMULUS - 8770 S. Wayne Rd. / 729-4884 / Parsonage: 729-7234 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS MIRACLE TEMPLE - 36949 Goddard / 941-6070

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH - 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Bennie Oliphant, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / J.D. Landis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night - 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. - 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 7 p.m.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E. - 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

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ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH - 37300 Goddard Rd. (5 Points) / 941-1511 / Rev. Donald McClellan, Pastor / 941-4167 / Enrichment Hour - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Celebration - 6 p.m. / Family Night - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH - 11280 Ozga Rd. / 941-5056 / Daily Mass - 9 a.m. / Weekend Masses: Saturday - 6 p.m.; Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. / Holy Day Masses: Vigil Mass (evening prior to Holy Day) - 7 p.m.; Holy Days - 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 7 p.m. / Confession: Saturday - 4:30 - 5 p.m.

SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School - 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night - 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night - 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 19109 Craig (Post Office 274), New Boston / Robert Allmann, Pastor / Sunday School & Bible Class - 9 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Wednesday Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Attended Nursery

SALVATION ARMY - 33750 Goddard Rd. / 941-5100

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - 11242 Grover St. / 941-0330

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UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 6312 Wayne Rd. / 721-5052

WAYNECOURSE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 7066 Wayne Course / 722-0454 / Earl Truss, Minister / 326-0918 / James Motley, Associate Minister: 561-3108 / Sunday Bible School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moormaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors born in May: Rose Davidson, Dorothy Icenogle, Mary Krieger, Helen Rounke, Jessie Swanigan, Vera Walton, and Tamatha Wilson.

Club #1 Yard & Bake Sale

Romulus Senior Citizens Club #1 will be holding a Yard & Bake Sale fundraiser for the benefit of their club's treasury on Tuesday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins). Past sales have been a big success, with the delicious bake-sale items especially in demand. Everyone is invited.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Romulus Senior Center will be hosting a special Mother's Day Brunch on Friday, May 13, beginning at 10 a.m. The cost for the event is \$1.50 per person; advance registration is required by May 10. Call the Center (942-6892) for details.

Lunch Out

Join old and new friends to sample the fare at the Pickle Barrel Restaurant in Willis on Wednesday, May 11. The Romulus Senior Center Van departs from the Center at 11:30 a.m.; there is a \$1.50 fee for transportation. Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

Barbershop Chorus

On Friday, May 20, the Romulus Senior Center Van will take a trip to the Mercy Auditorium in Farmington Hills to attend a special Barbershop Chorus. The program, presented by the 70-man City Lights Men's Barbershop, will feature performances by the hosts, the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club, and a group called The Power Play. Cost for the trip is \$1.50 for transportation and \$6 for admission to the show. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer: 942-6852.

• **Showtime Cabaret** - Enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun on Monday, June 20, when Romulus seniors travel to London, Ontario, Canada for lunch and an afternoon of entertainment - featuring audience participation and sing-a-long segments - with the Cabaret family. Cost for the trip (which covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and admission to the show) is just \$49. Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

• **African Lion Safari** - You don't have to travel to another continent to experience the thrills of safari! Seniors can travel to Cambridge, Ontario, Canada for an African Lion Safari on Friday, July 15, and still be home in time to sleep in their own bed (departure time: 5:30 a.m.; return time: 8:45 p.m.). The \$59 cost of the trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, a barbecue chicken lunch, and admission to the safari (featuring an "African Queen" boat cruise, elephant bathing, a "birds of prey" demonstration, the Parrot Paradise show, and the "Nature Boy" scenic railway). This trip is filling up quickly, so be sure to sign up right away if you're interested.

Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctors appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible. For more information, call Barbara (942-6852).

Weekly Programs at the Center

Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). For more information, call the Center (942-6852).

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center (located at 36515 Bibbins) on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be on June 6. For further information, please call 942-6852.

Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. For information on getting home-delivered meals, call 1-800-851-1454. □

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